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**CC:**  
**Subject:** RE: US Steel NOV conference

Brian,

I will most likely not be able to attend. I will be going on maternity leave in January. Starting December 21st I will not be traveling very far from Indy at all. So I know that I will be unable to attend a conference in early January up north. However, please keep me informed of the date and agenda. I will either get someone to be there, plan to attend via telephone, or discuss it with staff to see if they are fine without me being present.

Here is my contact information:

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Thank you.  
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Brian:

Sierra Alberts is our US Steel Attorney. I'm the Mittal Attorney.  
 Can you remove me and include her on these discussions please??

Thanks Brian,  
 Denise

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It looks like December 15th will not work. I phoned US Steel and asked which days they are available in early January. They suggested the 5th, 6th, or 7th.  
Can you please respond to me with your availability on those three days, assuming a meeting start time around 10:00.  
Thanks,

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Brian,  
The NWRO has a previous commitment on that day and our conference room is not available. Are there other suggested dates?

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IDEM Colleagues:

You may remember we sent a Notice of Violation (NOV) to US Steel Gary works in June 2008 and held the NOV conference at the NW IDEM office in August 2008.

In April of this year EPA issued an NOV to Gary Works stemming from modifications to their Blast Furnace 13/14. We have not yet held an NOV conference for that issue.

Most recently, EPA issued NOVs to US Steel's Granite City, IL, and Ecorse, MI plants. These NOVs were much like the first Gary Works NOV in that they contain a broad mix of violations.

Because several of the issues overlap for the 3 plants, it makes sense to handle the cases concurrently. To that end, we asked US Steel if they would be interested in responding to the 3 outstanding NOVs altogether. We see this as a practical next step, to be followed by a discussion of remedy/settlement at a later date. US Steel agrees and has proposed a date of December 15 to respond to the 3 NOVs. We presume some of you may want to attend, at least for the Gary Works part, and, the NW IDEM office is a great central location for everyone.

Are any of you interested in attending the meeting? Is the 15th acceptable? Would you welcome the entire group to the NW office again?

Thanks,

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